Al and Georgia moved to Concord, California in 1962 to start their family and have lived there ever since. Al worked for Kaiser for 25 years, retiring from the organization in 1989. In his retirement, he remained active and engaged with the community. He was a strong advocate for our community's youth, serving as a leader with the YMCA, on the Concord American Little League Board, and working with the Boy and Girl Scouts of America. Al was also dedicated to his faith and was an original member of St. Bonaventure Catholic Church where he served as an usher for many years.

Sadly, Al passed away on December 9, 2022 at the age of 98. He is survived by his wife Georgia, daughter Laura, sons Stephen, Thomas, and Philip, sister Dorothy, and nine grandchildren, Tessa, Hannah, Trent, Hope, Grace, Jacqueline, Johnathan, Matthew, and Erik. He will be remembered for his humility, hard-working nature, and devotion to his family. Please join me in honoring Alfred Hoffmeister for his many contributions to our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

## HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, on March 1, 2023, I was absent from the House floor and missed roll call vote 125.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 125.

## CONGRATULATING DIRECTOR DAVID BEASLEY

## HON, JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the leadership of United Nations World Food Programme Executive Director and former South Carolina Governor David Beasley. Over the past six years during his term, he has been a strong advocate,

fundraiser, and leader, and I am grateful to have worked with him personally in Guatemala in 2017 and with volunteers from Lebanon in 2020.

Congress appreciates David's work with us in achieving historic levels of American funding to confront global hunger demands. His humanitarian efforts and work in the global fight against hunger is an inspiration to all.

David's efforts were recognized when the Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded the World Food Programme the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize.

I am grateful for David's hard work during his term as Executive Director and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

I look forward to working with the newly appointed Executive Director, Ambassador Cindy McCain, who currently serves as the U.S. Permanent Representative to the U.N. Agencies in Rome: the Food and Agriculture Organization, the World Food Programme, and the International Fund for Agriculture Development.

America will continue to be the world leader for humanitarian assistance for the benefit of those impacted as it promotes America material security reducing international instability.